IRISH NATIONAL LAND LEAGUE.

PROCLAMATION

BY

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND,

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By the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

A PROCLAMATION.

COWPER.

WHEREAS an Association styling itself "The Irish National Land League" bas existed for some time past, assuming to interfere with the Queen's subjects in the free exercise of their lawful rights, and especially to control the relations of Landlords and Tenants in Ireland :

And whereas the designs of the said Association have been sought to be effected by an organized system of intimidation; attempting to obstruct the service of process and execution of the Queen's writs, and seeking to deter tbe Queen's subjects from fulfilling their contracts and following their lawful callings and occupations

And whereas the said Association has now avowed its purpose to be to prevent the payment of all rent, and to effect the subversion of the law as administered in the Queen's name in Ireland :

Now We hereby warn all persons tbat the said Association styling itself "The Irish National Land League," or by whatsoever other name it may be called or known, is an unlawful and criminal Association ; and that all meetings and assemblies to carry out or promote its designs or purposes are alike unlawful and criminal, and will be prevented and, if necessary, dispersed by force.

And We do hereby warn all subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, who may have become connected witb the said Association, to disconnect themselves therefrom, and abstain from giving further countenance thereto.

And We do hereby make known that all the powers and resources at our command will he employed to protect the Queen s subjects in Ireland, in the free exercise of their lawful rights, and the peaceful pursuit of their lawful callings and occupations ; to enforce the fulfilment of all lawful obligations ; and to save tbe process of the law and the execution of the Queen's writs from hindrance or obstruction.

And We do hereby call on all loyal and well-affected subjects of the Crown to aid us in upholding and maintaining the authority of the law, and the supremacy of the Queen in this Her realm of Ireland.

Dated at Dublin Castle, this 20th day of October, 1881.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. E. FORSTER.

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